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- 25X1 1. During July 1950 LIN Piao left Hankow for Tsinan, where he is now in charge of troop deployment.
- 25X1 2. A portion of the 4 Field Army has taken up positions in Shantung.
- 25X1 3. There is much speculation among ranking officers of the 4 Field Army in Hankow concerning the following possibilities:
- a. The USSR proposes that there be a merger of the East and Central-South China Districts.
- b. The 3 and 4 Field Armies will be merged, with LIN Piao as commander and CHEN Yi as his deputy.
- 25X1 Comment. The fact that LIN is in Shantung and a portion of the 4 Field Army troops is in the 3 Field Army's territory, if true, lends credence to the Hankow rumors.

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